

I am opposed to the FCC relaxing the restriction on companies owning both newspaper and television stations in the same market. I am also opposed to allowing major television networks to own more than 35 % of the market share to US households.

I am also opposed to relaxing the number of radio stations one company can own.

A free press/media is the bedrock of our democracy. The threat that a few large companies could potentially own a majority of the print and television stations across the country is a frightening prospect. If we allow a media conglomerate to take hold in this country, it is clear that very orchestrated news and information coverage will be reported across the country stifling diversity of opinion and thought.

We only have to look at the media coverage of the war on Iraq to understand that there is already a paucity of diverse ideas and thought within mass media.

Please do not allow the our democracy to be thwarted by a "state sanctioned" media.